

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WASTE LAND AND SURPLUS LAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of waste land and surplus land available in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government propose to allocate such surplus/waste lands to landless workers, peasants and business houses for development and cultivation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) Reports received from the Government of Tamil Nadu indicate that 337 acres of ceiling surplus land was available upto June, 2005. This Ministry has no information about waste land available in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) & (c) Land and its management comes under the exclusive jurisdiction of States. Ministry of Rural Development plays an advisory and coordinating role in the field of land reforms. Ceiling surplus land and Government Wastelands are distributed by the State Governments to eligible landless rural poor including landless rural workers and peasants. This Ministry has no information about the Government of Tamil Nadu's proposal, if any, to allocate such surplus/waste lands to business houses for development and cultivation.